Approved For Release 2001/08/18: CIA-RDP62B00844R000200100068-8 CHAL-0225/ This desurant cartains information Cy 2 of 6 referring to a soil contendit 2 July 1958 MEMORANDUM TO: Director of Operations, DPS/DCI SUBJECT : CHALICE Support o 25X1A 25X1A As of 30 June, Presidential approval (originally denied) had been obtained for certain authorized aunchings—this approval resulted in the following actions: a. A MSTS carrier (normally used for transport of MDAP aircraft) 25X1A departed San Francisco with equipment and a complement of personnel to: (1) Launch 3 - 5 photographic items from a point north 25X1A of Hawaii on an approximate line with San Francisco, launch to be accomplished 4 July (weather and winds permitting). (2) The first launchings are intended as tests to determine tracking characteristics, signal read-backs, etc., and will travel across the United States. Landing (cut-down) will be off the Eastern Coast of the United States -- in the vicinity of Massachusetts or Maine. Pickup of training flights will be accomplished by a C-119 configured for this purpose, which is at the disposal of 25X1A (3) Four or five days after launch of training items, an 25X1A as yet undetermined number of photographic will be launched from a point in the Northern ranges of the Alaskan Sea. It is intended that a minimum of four items will be launched; however, as of the time of my discussion, final agreement on a maximum number of launchings had not been reached. These latter launchings are intended to travel in a westernly direction across the Soviet Union. Pickup to be in New Brunswick, Maine area by either (1) SAC or (2) Coast Guard.

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(4) Discussions are underway at the Pentagon concerning the possible launch of an electronics version of _____ In any event, authority for tracking the ELINT version over Soviet territory has not been obtained and, if this launch takes place, it will track in a westernly direction along the southern periphery of

Soviet territories.

3. As of 30 June USN participation is had been solicited and denied. Thus, use of MST'S carrier for launch. Originally, the Navy stated they could and would participate prior to a cutoff date of 10 June—past this date, other commitments would prevent USN participation.

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- tracking of vehicle) and pickup (retrieve) support. I gathered from discussions with Lt. Col program and were reluctant to commit themselves on support aspects. This accounts for Coast Guard participation in retrieval phase of operation.
- 5. It appears that the future of will depend largely upon success attained during initial operations outlined above.

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6. CHALICE support o

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a. Agreement has been reached that processing of establishment establishment at Eastman Kodak in the CHALICE facility. In view of past controversy on this item (i. e., merits of Air Force versus CHALICE processing) I requested a memo confirming this decision be forwarded to the Project Director.

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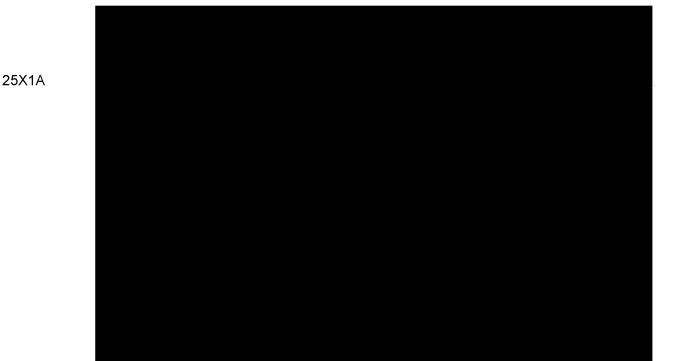
- b. Two 70 mm processors and one printer have been developed by ITEC for processing of take. One processor will be ready for shipment 7 July, the second one week later—the printer will be ready approximately 20 July.
 - (1) Arrangements have been made with to ship the first processor to Rochester to a sterile pickup point. Other items to follow as ready.
 - (2) Details of location of installation of equipment are still under discussion between Moreovern Moreover
 - c. Desired production:
 - (1) Processing of original negatives.
 - (2) Production of four (4) master dupe positives.
 - (3) Production of eight (8) dupe negatives.
 - (4) Production of eight (8) dupe positives.

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(5) Processing of 50 foot magazine 16 mm original negatives of Hazel Position Indicator film and production two (2) each duplicate positives therefrom.

d. Distribution:



NOTE: The desired production is that given the undersigned by Major In my opinion it is entirely too much. This requirement, as expressed, will be reviewed with interested parties with a view to reducing number of 25X1A copies required. If expressed requirements are later substantiated, I would propose CHALICE process only original negatives and produce four master positives. Other production (i. e., eight dupe negatives and eight dupe positives) could be accomplished in Air Force facility at Westover, Offutt or March AFB.

e. Funding:

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financial support will be restricted to providing labor for processing, limited installation of equipment costs, onr or two additional men if needed and cost of chemicals. Costs of this latter item to be reviewed at end of first sixty (60) days

Operation. If costs excessive, funding would revert to the latter at the salso pointed out that CHALICE would cooperate in contraction as made arrangements to procure spools, cans, duplicating film, etc. for supporting

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this operation. They will also be responsible for funding for transport of equipment or mission "take" to Rochester.

f. Security:

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was advised that CHALICE (Ops in conjunc-(1) Col. tion with 30) would control access of any visitors to EK to look processing set-up. Further, that an absolute minimum of people would be permitted access-this, of course, predicated upon obtaining required Project Security Office clearances. is of opinion not more than four to six people will require access to EK plant in connection with this operation. Included would be two ITEC, one possibly Major -- this latter individual previously (but not presently) Project and TALENT cleared. All discussions in security tentative only-final arrangements to be approved by Project Security Officer.

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"take" to Rochester (2) Arrangements on delivery of (i. e. offload point, contact, etc.) also to be coordinated with Security Officer.

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and were an Details of this memo were discussed with Mr. item on the agenda of the staff meeting of 1 July. I plan to discuss this operation with again (I've already discussed certain aspects) during my visit to Rochester on 3 July.

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